# SEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI APPLICATION FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

PLEASE NOTE: RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IF TRHE APPLICANT IS SELECTED AS ONE OF THE NOMINEES FOR THE VACANCY.

1. State your full name.

Janet Lee Sutton

2. State your date and location of birth.

August 10, 1965; Kansas City, Missouri

3. State your present occupation, place of work, and job title.



Associate Circuit Judge, Division Seven, Clay County Courthouse, 11 South Water, Liberty, Missouri 64068

- 4. Provide the following information concerning your eligibility for the office of Circuit Judge:
  - (a) Are you at least thirty years of age? Yes
  - (b) Are you licensed to practice law in Missouri? Yes
  - (c) Have you been a citizen of the United States for at least ten years? Yes
  - (d) Have you been a resident of Clay County for at least one year? Yes
- 5. State whether you are able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a Circuit Judge, including the ability to preside over trials, conduct legal research and analysis, attend court anywhere in the State of Missouri, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, and expeditiously decide issues coming

before the court. Yes

6. State the year of your admission to the Missouri Bar and whether your license is and always has been in good standing. If not, please explain.

Admitted 1990. I have always been in good standing.

7. List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you have been licensed as an attorney, and state whether your license is and always has been in good standing.

None

- 8. Provide the following information for all colleges or universities, other than law schools, you have attended:
  - (a) Name and location of institution

Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri University of Missouri at Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri

(b) Dates attended and degrees received

SMSU; August 1983 to May 1984 NWMSU; August 1984 to May 1985 UMKC; August 1985 to May 1987

Bachelor of Arts in Communications, emphasis in telecommunications Graduated "with distinction", GPA 3.95

(c) Significant activities, achievements, honors, and awards

UMKC: Dean's List for Fall 1985, Winter 1986, Winter 1987

- 9. Provide the following information for all law schools you have attended:
  - (a) Name and location of law school

University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law

(b) Dates attended and degrees received

August 1987 to May 1990; Juris Doctor Degree

(c) Significant activities, achievements, honors, and awards

Winter 1988 Honors in Legal Writing Dean's Honor List for Fall 1998, Winter 1989, Fall 1989, Winter 1990 American Jurisprudence Award in Civil Procedure

- 10. State whether you have ever been suspended or expelled as a student from any school or educational institution. If so, please explain.
  - No. I have never been suspended or expelled as a student.
- 11. List, in chronological order, all non-legal and legal employment you have held post-high school. Include the name and location of each employer, job title, dates of employment, and reason for termination of employment.

Bob's IGA, Excelsior Springs, Missouri Cashier, Summer of 1984 and Summer of 1985 Voluntarily left employment to attend college

Camelot Music Store, Metro North Mall, Kansas City, Missouri. Cashier and clerk, Summer of 1986 Voluntarily left employment to attend college

Clay County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Liberty, Missouri Law Clerk, May of 1988 to August 1990

Clay County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Liberty, Missouri Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, August 1990 to January 1999

Clay County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Liberty, Missouri Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, January 1999 to January 2003 Voluntarily left employment to accept appointment as Associate Circuit Judge

Clay County Sheriff's Office, Liberty, Missouri Legal Counsel, January 1993 to January 1999 Voluntarily left employment to accept Chief Assistant Prosecutor position

City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri City Prosecuting Attorney, May of 1994 to December 2000 Voluntarily left employment to accept municipal judge position

City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri Municipal Judge, January 2001 to December 2002 Voluntarily left employment to accept associate circuit judge position State of Missouri Associate Circuit Judge, January 2003 to present

12. Describe the nature and extent of your experience as a practicing attorney in the trial and appellate courts, and explain how such experience demonstrates the quality of your legal work.

I began my law career in the Clay County Prosecutor's Office as a law clerk in May of 1988 after my first year in law school. By the time I graduated, I had tried three jury trials, and was handling dockets two days a week. I was hired as a full-time assistant prosecutor in August of 1990. The first few years were spent in the Associate Division trying preliminary hearings, misdemeanor trials, and handling the associate dockets. Eventually, I began handling the Grand Jury, felony trials, and dockets in the Circuit divisions. All prosecutors were required to be on call 24 hours a day on a rotational basis for arrest and search warrants.

In January of 1993, I began working as Legal Counsel to the Clay County Sheriff's Department. In that capacity, I handled all civil matters for the Sheriff's Department. These matters included personnel and employment discrimination actions, inmate lawsuits, and service of process issues. In conjunction with this job, I became a POST-certified trainer for law enforcement through the Missouri Sheriff's Association. I taught statewide seminars for deputies and police officers on such issues as flying while possessing weapons, sexual harassment, the appropriate use of force, hot pursuit, and search and seizure. In January of 1999, I was promoted in the Prosecutor's Office to the Chief Assistant Prosecutor which required me to resign as Legal Counsel to the Clay County Sheriff's Department.

In May of 1994, I accepted the position of City Prosecutor for the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. This position entailed reviewing all summons and complaint forms and traffic tickets and prosecuting a docket two Monday nights each month. This city court docket included a wide variety of traffic and criminal offenses. I also handled any appeals taken to the Circuit Court level.

In January of 2001, I became the municipal judge for the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. This involved presiding over three dockets per month. One docket was primarily housing and code violations. The other two dockets were traffic and criminal offenses.

In January of 1999, I became the Chief Assistant Prosecutor for Clay County when Don Norris was elected Prosecutor. I managed court appearances and scheduling for nine prosecutors in addition to my own trial schedule. I still handled the duties associated with the Grand Jury and extradition and detainer problems with other states. I have tried over 60 jury trials as a Clay County Prosecutor. In my last two years with the Office, my trial caseload consisted of Class A and B felonies, prior and persistent offenders, and six jury trials on Murder in the first degree charges.

On January 8, 2003, I was appointed to the position of Associate Circuit Judge of Division Seven in Clay County.

The experience I gained as a trial attorney in the Prosecutor's Office instilled in me a respect for the courtroom, litigants, opposing counsel, and judges. It showed me the value and the right to a fair trial by all involved. As a judge I continue to try to conduct court in a way that allows attorneys and litigants to present their cases in a fair and respectful setting.

13. Provide a representative list of at least ten cases in which you served as the primary attorney at trial or an administrative hearing. The list should include the style of each case, court or administrative agency, identification of your client, and the nature and date of disposition.

# State of Missouri vs. James Boyd, CR199-4229

I represented the State of Missouri in this case tried to a jury in Division Four of Clay County Circuit Court on May 20 through May 30, 2002. The Defendant was charged with murder in the first degree and armed criminal action in the stabbing death of a 16 year old victim. This defendant was one of four charged with the crime. The defendant was found guilty of murder in the first degree and armed criminal action. He was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole on the murder charge and life in prison on the armed criminal action. This case was originally prosecuted as a capitol murder charge but the death penalty was waived prior to trial.

#### State of Missouri vs. Brett Johnson, CR199-4229

I represented the State of Missouri in this case tried to a jury in Division Two of the Clay County Circuit Court. This case was tried to a jury on July 16 through July 21, 2001 ending in a hung jury. This was again tried on January 28, 2002 through February 4, 2002 ending in a hung jury. This was again tried on October 21 through October 25, 2002. The Defendant was charged with murder in the first degree and armed criminal action in the stabbing death of a 16 year old victim. This defendant was one of four charged with the crime. He was found guilty of murder in the first degree and armed criminal action. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the murder first degree and life in prison for the armed criminal action.

#### State of Missouri vs. John Wigton, CR101-0875

I represented the State of Missouri in this case tried to a jury in Division One of the Clay County Circuit Court on May 13 through May 20, 2002. The Defendant was charged with murder in the first degree in the beating death of his wife. The Defendant was found guilty of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

#### State of Missouri vs. Roudy Pierre, CR199-583

I represented the State of Missouri in this case tried to a jury in Division One of the Clay County Circuit Court on September 11 through September 18, 2000. The defendant was charged with murder in the first degree, three counts armed criminal action, and two counts assault first degree. The defendant opened fire with a handgun in

the parking lot of a bar killing one bouncer and injuring another bouncer and a patron of the bar. The defendant was found guilty of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole, guilty of three counts armed criminal action and sentenced to 30 years in prison on each count, and guilty of two counts assault in the first degree and sentenced to 30 years in prison on each count, with the sentences to run consecutively.

#### State of Missouri vs. Jeffrey Long, CR101-4833

I represented the State of Missouri in this case tried to a jury on December 10, 2001 in Division One of the Clay County Circuit Court. The defendant was charged with the forcible rape and forcible sodomy of a mentally handicapped adult. The defendant was found guilty of both counts and was sentenced to 20 years in prison on each count, the sentences to run consecutively.

#### State of Missouri vs. Henry Lewis, 7CR197003981

I represented the State of Missouri in this case tried to a jury on September 30 to October 1, 2002 in Division One of the Clay County Circuit Court. The Defendant was charged with robbery in the first degree, armed criminal action, and two counts robbery in the second degree. The defendant was found guilty of all counts and sentenced to life in prison on the robbery first degree, 50 years in prison on the armed criminal action, and 30 years on each count of robbery in the second degree.

## State of Missouri vs. Carlos Jiminez, 7CR100004912

I represented the State of Missouri in this case tried to a jury on August 27 to August 28, 2001 in Division Four of the Clay County Circuit Court. The defendant was charged with two counts of assault in the first degree and two counts of armed criminal action. The defendant was found guilty of one count of assault in the first degree and was sentenced to 7 ½ years in prison He was found guilty of assault in the second degree with a 3 year sentence. He was found not guilty on one count armed criminal action and guilty of the other count with a sentence of 7 years.

# State of Missouri vs. Lindell Kirksey, 7CR198000042

I represented the State of Missouri in this case tried to a jury on May 15 through May 17, 2000 in Division One of the Clay County Circuit Court. The defendant was charged with Statutory Sodomy in the first degree and Child Molestation in the first degree. The defendant was found not guilty of the Statutory Sodomy but guilty of Child Molestation in the first degree and was sentenced to 7 years in prison.

## State of Missouri vs. Chris Ritz, CR198-3772

I represented the State of Missouri in this case tried to a jury on January 24 to January 25, 2000 in Division Two of the Clay County Circuit Court. The defendant was charged with two counts statutory sodomy in the first degree, one count attempted statutory sodomy in the first degree, and one count child molestation in the first degree. The defendant was found not guilty on 2 counts and guilty of one count statutory sodomy in the first degree with a sentence of 15 years in prison and guilty of child molestation in the first degree with a sentence of 7 years in prison.

State of Missouri vs. Charles Pennington, CR198-4128F

I represented the State of Missouri in this case tried to a jury on March 29 to March 30, 1999 in Division One of the Clay County Circuit Court. The defendant was charged with robbery in the first degree and armed criminal action. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced to 20 years on each count.

14. If you have appellate experience, provide a representative list of cases in which you served as the primary attorney on appeal. The list should include the style of each case, appellate court or administrative agency, identification of your client, and the nature and date of disposition.

James Lybarger, Rel. vs. Hon. Michael Maloney, Res., SC84657
I briefed and argued the case in the Supreme Court of Missouri on behalf of the State of Missouri. Argument was held January 7, 2003. The case involved a writ of prohibition sought against Judge Maloney to prevent the case from being tried. The issues involved a 180 day writ and request for disposition of detainer by an inmate in the Kansas Department of Corrections and whether the proper procedure was followed to bring the inmate to Clay County to dispose of his pending case in Clay County. The preliminary writ of prohibition was quashed and the case was allowed to proceed to trial.

15. If you are serving or have served in a judicial capacity, describe the nature and extent of your judicial responsibilities, the types of dockets handled, and any special expertise developed.

I have served as an Associate Circuit Judge for the past 10 years. I am assigned to half of the associate criminal docket for the county. The responsibilities for this docket include misdemeanor pleas and trials, both bench and jury, and probation violation hearings. Preliminary felony matters include arraignments, bond hearings, motion hearings, and preliminary hearings. Outside of the courtroom, responsibilities associated with this docket include issuing arrest warrants and setting bond, review and issuance of search warrants and review of probation violation reports with either a warrant or hearing being ordered.

I handle half of the associate civil docket for the county. One docket is dedicated to Director of Revenue cases for hearing breathalyzer refusals and administrative revocation reviews. The other cases involve a variety of civil actions such as contract, car accident and personal injury, collections, property damage, and name changes. Bench and jury trials are held on these as well as preliminary motion hearings. In the past I also heard the small claims docket and rent and possession and unlawful detainer cases.

I occasionally will hear domestic cases when other divisions are overbooked or on a change of judge. I also hear circuit cases upon assignment by the presiding judge of our county.

The associate dockets are large volume dockets which require a judge to handle them quickly and efficiently. They are also often the first time a person has ever been to court or had any contact with the judicial system. I have the necessary expertise to competently handle this high volume of cases while still giving parties their day in court.

In June of 2011, I was appointed by the Supreme Court to the Circuit Court Budget Committee. This committee is made up of 13 judges from around the state. It is designated to oversee the state-wide judiciary budget including funding and personnel issues.

After being appointed under the non- partisan court plan in 2003 by Governor Holden, I was retained in the 2004, 2008 and 2012 elections. In the evaluations from members of the bar I received approval ratings over 90% for each retention election.

16. If you are serving or have served in a judicial capacity, provide a representative list of at least ten cases over which you have presided to completion. The list should include the style of each case and the nature and date of disposition.

State of Missouri vs. Daniel Hunt, 12CY-CR04708

The State of Missouri charged the defendant with the class D felony of driving while intoxicated. The case was tried to a jury on April 1, 2013 and the defendant was found guilty. Sentencing by the Court is pending.

Leslie Tuttle vs. Creative Support LLC., 09CY-CV13199

This was a civil case tried to a jury on May 3 to May 4, 2010. The plaintiff claimed employment discrimination based on religious beliefs. The verdict was in favor of the defendant.

City of North Kansas City vs. Timothy Gilliam, 08CY-CR03587

The City of North Kansas City charged the defendant with trespass at North Kansas City Hospital. The case was tried to a jury on March 3 to March 4, 2009. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced to 30 days in jail. The Court granted probation at sentencing.

State of Missouri vs. John Walker, 07CY-CR02202

The State of Missouri charged the defendant with violation of county zoning regulations. The case was tried to a jury on June 22 to June 23, 2009. A motion for judgment of acquittal at the close of all the evidence was granted by the court.

Sarah Mawby vs. Jonathan Mawby, 07CY-CV08789

This was a bench tried case on Spetember 29, October 15, and October 20, 2008 on dissolution of marriage which involved child custody and relocation matters and child support.

State of Missouri vs. Michael Haynes, 7CR105005571

The State of Missouri charged the defendant with the crime of Burglary in the first degree as a prior and persistent offender. The case was tried to a jury on July 31 to August 1, 2006. The jury found the defendant guilty as charged. The Court assessed punishment at 14 years in prison.

State of Missouri vs. Damon Arnold, 7CR104-004080

The State of Missouri charged the defendant with four felony counts of forgery. The defendant was charged as a prior and persistent offender. This case was bench tried on January 18, 2005. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced by the court to eight years in prison on counts 1, II, and III and 7 years in prison on count IV.

Director of Revenue vs. Mina Elliott, 7CV-103-001912

The State of Missouri filed suit to collect on state income taxes that were alleged to be owed. The issue of the case concerned the constitutionality of the notice provisions of the statute. This was a bench tried case and judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff. The case was eventually appealed to the Supreme Court of Missouri and was affirmed.

City of Pleasant Valley vs. James Johnson, 7MR103000028, 7MR103000029 The City of Pleasant Valley charged the defendant with peace disturbance and assault on a law enforcement officer. The case was tried to a jury on September 22, 2003. The defendant was found guilty of the peace disturbance. The jury could not reach a verdict on the assault charge. This was the first jury trial held in our county after the statute was passed bifurcating the guilt phase from the sentencing phase of trial.

Dusenbery vs. Catherell, 7CV102005391

This was a civil case tried to a jury on October 20, 2003. The case involved a rear end car accident with soft tissue injuries being claimed. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the amount of \$12,500.

17. If you do not have significant experience in litigation or in a judicial capacity, describe any other legal experience or accomplishments in the legal profession that may qualify you to serve in the office of Circuit Judge.

Not applicable.

18. List all bar associations and law-related organizations of which you are or have been a member, with any offices held and dates of membership

Clay County Bar Association; 1990 to present

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; present member

Past member of the Lawyers for Children committee

Association for Women Lawyers of Kansas City; present member

Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association; present member

Missouri Associate Circuit and Probate Judges Association; 1993 to present

American Judges Association; past member

Circuit Court Budget Committee, appointed in June 2011 to present

Clay County Child Fatality Review Board; chairperson, past member

Northland Alternative Services Program; board member from 1990 to 1994

Treasurer in 1993

Safe Streets Sales Tax Proposition in Clay County; treasurer of campaign committee Missouri Sheriff's Association, POST certified lecturer

19. List any published articles or books you have authored and any significant programs or events for which you served as a primary speaker.

KCMBA CLE; panel speaker for "Views from the Bench"

Missouri Associate Circuit and Probate Judges Annual Conference; panel speaker for "Associate Civil Case Issues"

KCMBA Annual Domestic Violence and Children Interdisciplinary Conference; speaker on updates and changes to order of protection laws

Missouri Law Enforcement Seminar; speaker on pursuit and use of force issues

20. Do you now or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position? If so, please explain.

No.

21. Provide the branches and dates of any military service or other public service not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, state whether the discharge was other than honorable.

None.

22. Describe your community and volunteer service activities, including any organizations (outside the legal profession) with which you are affiliated and any offices held.

Children's Advocacy Center ("CAC"); Advisory Board member

I was a member of the initial planning committee for the Children's Advocacy Center. The idea was to have a facility like the CARE clinics at Children's Mercy Hospital for sexually abused children in the Northland to serve Clay, Platte, and Ray counties. We developed a protocol, went to all law enforcement agencies for cooperation in the project, and built the physical clinic with the help of Synergy Services. The CAC is open and provides an invaluable service to the Northland's children.

Synergy Services; Community Response Team member

Greenbook Initiative; steering committee member

I was one of the original members of the Northland Greenbook Initiative. The Greenbook initially came from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. The book is intended to offer communities a guiding framework to develop interventions and measure progress as they seek to improve responses to families experiencing domestic violence. The Northland Greenbook is a collaborative effort of Clay, Platte, and Ray county agencies to apply this to our community. There is currently a website now dedicated to this service.

UMKC School of Law's Trial Advocacy Program;

I have assisted by presiding over mock trials scheduled for the school's trial advocacy students.

Liberty Church of Christ;

I am an active member of the Liberty Church of Christ. I have taught bible class for grades 3 through 5. I volunteer as a teacher for our Kids Worship time which is held for 2 ½ year olds to second graders. I belong to a book club organized through our church.

23. List any significant honors or awards you have received that otherwise have not been covered in this application.

Northland Crusade Against Crime Award; Outstanding Community Service

24. Are you delinquent in the payment of any federal, state, county or city taxes? If so, please explain.

No

25. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony or received a suspended imposition of sentence in any federal, state, or military court? If so, please explain and provide the style of the case (including case number), the court, the date of the conviction, and the sentence or fine imposed.

No

26. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? If so, please explain.

No

27. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any litigation, other than as a guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem, or defendant ad litem? If so, please explain and provide the style of each case, the court, your role as plaintiff or defendant, and the nature and date of disposition. Yes

William Collins vs. County of Johnson, Kansas; State of Kansas; Shawnee Mission School District; City of Overland Park, Kansas; Kansas Supreme Court; City of Olathe, Kansas; Olathe, Kansas Police Department; Crista Collins; Dick Bryant; Janet Sutton; Paul Morrison; Judge Russell; Brian Porch; Judge Harman; Linda Voyles; District Attorney's Office, Johnson County.

Filed in U.S. District Court for District of Kansas; 01-CV-2284-KHV. Plaintiff tried to pursue a criminal complaint against his ex-wife for perjury in an order of protection hearing. I declined the case as part of my official duties as prosecutor

based on a lack of evidence and lack of probable cause. Plaintiff attempted to sue me for failure to charge a criminal case. I was dismissed from the civil case by the court after a motion to dismiss was filed.

William Collins vs. Janet Sutton and Judge Welch, CV100-5689
Filed in Clay County Circuit Court. Same facts as listed above. I filed a motion for summary judgment that was granted by the court.

William Sandridge vs. Maryilyn Donatello, et al.

Filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, 04-00682-CV-W-GAF. Plaintiff filed an action in small claims court against Maple Woods Community College alleging Maple Woods unlawfully withheld his community college transcripts. I presided over this case and entered judgment in favor of Maple Woods. Instead of filing an appeal, Mr. Sandridge filed this action against me in federal court. I filed a Motion to dismiss which was granted on January 7, 2005.

Billy and Cheryl Adkins vs. Wells Fargo Bank, et al, 08-0286-CV-W-F-JG
Filed in the U.S. District Court for Western District of Missouri. Plaintiff filed action against the bank, attorneys and judges who were involved in a foreclosure and subsequent unlawful detainer action against the Adkins. I was the judge who heard the unlawful detainer action. I ruled in favor of the Plaintiff bank and against Adkins on Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment. The Adkins did not appeal this case, instead, filing this federal lawsuit. The Attorney General's Office represented me in this action. A motion to dismiss was filed and granted on January 5, 2009.

28. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof? If so, please explain.

No

- 29. If you are or were a member of the judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:
  - (a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct? If so, explain the details of such breach and the date, nature, and duration of the discipline imposed.

No

(b) Whether a reprimand or admonishment has ever been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Rule 12.07 of the Supreme Court Rules Governing the Judiciary. If so, explain the details of such cause and the date and nature of the discipline imposed.

No

(c) Whether, to your knowledge, you are the subject of a complaint that is currently under investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline. If so, explain that nature of such complaint and the status of the investigation.

No

30. Provide any additional information that you consider relevant to your qualifications for the office of Circuit Judge.

My grandfather and my father have had a law practice in Excelsior Springs since the 1930's. As a teenager, I worked in the law office for my father. Both my younger sister and I attended law school.

I have been married to Tim Sutton for 27 years and we have one son Samuel, age 18, who will be graduating high school this spring and is planning on attending MU in the fall.

31. List the names and contact information (title, mailing address, telephone, and email address) of the **five** persons whom you have requested to provide letters of reference regarding your character and judicial qualifications. Do not list as a reference any judge who currently sits in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

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# CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

By my signature to this form, I certify that all statements made in my application for the office of Circuit Judge and attachments thereto are truthful and correct. I further certify that if I am nominated by the Seventh Circuit Judicial Commission and appointed to the office of Circuit Judge, I will accept the appointment and perform the duties of that office as provided by law.

By my signature to this form, I authorize: (1) the Commission, through its Chairperson, to obtain relevant information, including but not limited to documents, records, and files, with respect to my medical, law enforcement, or disciplinary records; and (2) the Commission and its members to obtain additional relevant information regarding my qualifications, as well as the accuracy of my responses to the questions on this application. It is my understanding that the information obtained pursuant to this authorization shall be made available only to the members of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Commission and their staff as necessary to perform their duties.

Notwithstanding the above, in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 10.28 (e), if I am one of the three nominees listed on the certificate of nomination sent to the Governor, I authorize the Commission to send a complete copy of this application to the Governor and publicly release a copy of the application with personal and confidential information redacted as identified on the cover page of this application.

This certification and authorization shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by me in writing.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Janet Lee Sutton

Printed Full Name of Applicant